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SUBJECT: CSCE STAGE III: REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SCHEEL AND CALLAGHAN

REF: USNATO 2548; LUXEMBOURG 289

1. COMMENTS BY DE STAERCCKE IN PERMREP LUNCH (USNATO 2548) AND THORN INQUIRY TO EMBASSY LUXEMBOURG (LUXEMBOURG 289) REFLECT AWARENESS AMONG ALLIES OF EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY ON THE ONE HAND AND SCHEEL AND CALLAGHAN ON THE OTHER WITH REGARD TO LEVEL AND TIMING OF CSCE STAGE III, AND MAY SPARK FURTHER INQUIRIES.

2. IF ASKED, YOU MAY SAY THERE WERE LETTERS TO SCHEEL AND CALLAGHAN FOLLOWING-UP EARLIER CONVERSATIONS THE SECRETARY HELD WITH SCHEEL MARCH 24 EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW AND WITH CALLAGHAN MARCH 28 ON HIS WAY HOME. ISSUE IS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN NATO, WHERE WE LOOK FORWARD, AS WE HAVE ALREADY SAID, TO ONGOING EXCHANGES WITH ALLIES. THE PURPOSE OF THESE LETTERS WAS TO DETERMINE THE VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO CSCE SUMMIT TO ACHIEVE

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COMMON ALLIED POSITION. IT THUS PARALLELED AND DID NOT

GO BEYOND QUERIES PUT TO NATO ALLIES.

3. BEGIN FYI. PURPOSE OF SECRETARY'S LETTERS TO SCHEEL

AND CALLAGHAN WAS TO INSURE THERE WOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL
CAUSE FOR SQUABBLES AMONG THE ALLIES ON THIS SUBJECT.
END FYI.

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